(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court *vide* their order dated the 18th December, 2003 had directed the NCERT to formulate syllabus including the one—'Environmental Studies' from Class I to XII. On 22.4.2004 the Court accepted the syllabus filed by the NCERT and directed all the State Governments to respond to the response submitted by NCERT. On 13.7.2004, the Supreme Court has directed that the syllabus prepared by NCERT for Class I to XII shall be adopted by every State in their respective schools. Further, the Court has appointed NCERT as a nodal agency to supervise the implementation of the Court's order.

Scheme for Anganwadi workers

†654. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi workers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Anganwadi workers are being paid wages less than even labourers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have formulated any scheme for welfare of the Anganwadi workers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) State-wise number of Anganwadi Workers in the country, as on 31.3.2004, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Under the ICDS Scheme, the Anganwadi Workers are honorary workers from the local community who are paid fixed honorarium. The honorarium being paid to them was almost double with effect from 1.4.2002. At present, the Anganwadi Workers are paid honorarium ranging from Rs. 938/- to Rs. 1063/- per month, depending upon their qualification and experience.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) and (e) As a welfare measure, the Government has introduced an insurance scheme titled 'Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana', both for Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers, with effect from 1.4.2004. The salient features of the Scheme are as follows:—

- The scheme is applicable to persons in the age group 18-60 years.
- Annual Premium is Rs. 280/- per beneficiary of which Rs. 100/- will be borne by the LIC; Rs. 100/- by the Government of India and Rs. 80/- by the Anganwadi Worker/Helper.

- Amount payable to the beneficiaries under the Scheme on occurrence of different events is as follows:-

Death other than by accident	Rs. 20,000
On death due to accident	Rs. 50,000
Permanent total disability due to accident	Rs. 50,000
Loss of 2 eyes or 2 limbs, or one eye and one limb in an accident	Rs. 50,000
Loss of one eye or one limb in an accident	Rs. 25,000
On the occurrence of any critical illness like breast cancer, ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer, cervical cancer, uterine cancer, vaginal/vulval cancer, etc.	Rs. 20,000
Scholarship of Rs. 300/- per quarter per child studying in the 9th to 12th Standard (restricted to two children).	

Statement

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Anganwadi workers as on 31.3.2004.	
		Sanctioned by GOI	In-position
1.	Andhra Pradesh	54312	53330
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2359	2286
3.	Assam	25416	24905
4.	Bihar	60813	24726
5.	Chhattisgarh	20289	20130
6.	Goa	1012	1006

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Anganwadi workers as on 31.3.2004. Sanctioned by GOI	In-position
7.	Gujarat	37961	34087
8.	Haryana	13546	13446
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7354	7321
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	11821	10227
11.	Jharkhand	15505	14187
12.	Karnataka	40301	40084
13.	Kerala	25393	24384
14.	Madhya Pradesh	49784	47798
15.	Maharashtra	62716	57270
16.	Manipur	4501	4496
17.	Meghalaya	2218	2217
18.	Mizoram	1361	1341
19.	Nagaland	2770	2618
20.	Orissa	34201	32509
21.	Punjab	15829	13187
22.	Rajasthan	35821	35550
23.	Sikkim	500	498
24.	Tamil Nadu	42377	28861
25.	Tripura	3786	3195
26.	Uttar Pradesh	103104	72875
27.	Uttaranchal	6378	5674
28.	West Bengal	57540	52351
29.	A & N Islands	527	429
30.	Chandigarh	300	300
31.	Delhi	3902	3842
32.	Dadra & N Haveli	138	138
33.	Daman & Diu	87	87
34.	Lakshadweep	74	74
35.	Pondicherry	677	677
	All India	744673	636105